MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) In Kanni 1103.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The apparatus was out of order only once and that, too, when the Rectifying Disc which was partly charred during the fitting up was charred along its whole length.

(*d*) The apparatus is of the best quality.

(*e*) The cost of the X-ray apparatus alone is about Rs. 16,000.

(*f*) Nil.

Usefulness of the General Hospital.

28. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are not aware—

(i) that the General Hospital is an institution from which the patients can hope for all kinds of facilities in the matter of treatment of diseases and one which is being so considered by the general public; and

(ii) that there is no such hospital or other institution in Travancore; and

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to consider, as early as possible, the question of making the General Hospital, Trivandrum, which is the only refuge of the fortyfour lakhs of people of Travancore, more useful to the public by introducing into it improved and up-to-date methods of treatment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) Yes.

(ii) The General Hospital is the Chief Government Hospital in Travancore.

(*b*) The Government do not accept the statements that the General Hospital is the only refuge of the 44 lakhs of people of Travancore and that the method of treatment there is not up-to-date.

Applicants for posts of English Teachers in the Women's College.

29. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the candidates from service, and from outside, who had applied for the posts of teaching English in the Women's College as also their respective examination and other qualifications;

(*b*) whether appointments have been made from candidates having superior examination and other qualifications, the names of those who were so entertained and the respective communities to which they belong; and

(*c*) whether they have entertained any persons having lower examination and other qualifications when there were other candidates possessing superior examination qualifications in English and teaching experience in the College classes, and if so, the reasons for so appointing them as also the names of such candidates who were not provided and the communities to which they belong?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 1. *The names of the candidates from service who had applied for the posts of English Teachers in the College for Women with their examination and other quaiifications*:

(1) Mrs. Aley Varughese, B. A. (Hons.), Teacher, English High School for Girls, Trivandrum.

(2) Miss Joyce Vedakan, M. A., Ag. Teacher, Do.

2. *The names of candidates from outside who applied for the posts of English Teachers in the College for Women with their examination and other quaiifications* :

(1) Miss Margaret Paulose, B. A. (Hons). She was appointed to act but did not join duty.

(2) Srimathi P S. Chellamma, B. A. (Hons).

(3) Srimathi K. Easwari Amma, B. A. (Hons). L. T., appointed to act in a leave vacancy.

(4) Miss Aley Chandy, B. A. (Hons).

(*b*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. The information asked for in the second part of the question is given below :

(1) Miss Daisy Muttunayakam, B. A. (Hons.), Cambridge Diploma—Roman Catholic.

(2) Srimathi K. Easwari Amma, B. A. (Hons), L. T., with teaching experience in College—Nayar.

The other persons entertained hold permanent appointments in the Department.

(*c*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. The second part of the question does not arise in view of the answer to the first part.

Retention of the Dental Surgeon in the General Hospital.

30. MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN (*Kunnatnad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a retired Medical Officer who was deputed, on special allowance, for Dental Surgery in the General Hospital was retained there for a longer time since the Board had not given effect to the Government order abolishing the post; and

(*b*) if so, the name of the Medical Officer so retained, the excess period during which he continued as a Dental Surgeon, the loss the Government incurred on that account, the name of the officer responsible for that, as also the action taken by the Government in the matter and the result of the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Retired Deputy Surgeon A. A. Moreira. The excess period he was in charge of the Dental Section is about a year. For this period he was paid allowance at the rate of Rs 50 per mensem. The question as to the officer or officers at fault is under investigation.

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